

LITTLE RELIEF IS EXPECTED FROM INSURANCE HEARING

HAWKINS AND HIS FUNNY TACTICS

Acts Like a Lawyer for the Opposition in Questioning the Complainers.

FEW CITIES HAVE THE PROPER DATA

El Paso Is Only City Really Prepared to Show Iniquity of the Rates.

Austin, Tex., June 22.—Insurance commissioner Hawkins now frankly says that he regards the much advertised hearing as little more than a school to disseminate information about the new law and its working and to promote acquaintance.

His attitude during Tuesday's session was so extraordinary as to cause much comment, for he framed his frequent questions as if he were a cross examining lawyer of counsel for the insurance companies, instead of a state official and public servant.

The other members of the board, Wright and Hamby, had nothing to say, but are known to favor measures of relief. It is believed that the commissioners will not join in any effort to prevent the collection of increased rates of the period prior to June 15, or any measure to effect important changes in the general system imposed upon the people by the insurance companies.

Hawkins lays much stress in his questioning upon the alleged discrimination prior to the new law and the alleged cheapening of rates on residences.

He does not seem to regard in an unfavorable light the action of the companies in making a rate so high that even after all suggested improvements, practical of accomplishment are made, the final rates will still be far above the old rate, nor does he appear to grasp the significance of the tremendous increase in mercantile and manufacturing rates amounting in some cases, as various speakers asserted, to confiscation of all business profits.

Nearly 200 were present Tuesday, but a number have already left after presenting their views.

El Paso Prepared.—The only city that has made any preparation for the fight, El Paso's data is the only complete and carefully compiled statement before the board. The failure of the other cities to prepare themselves is most disappointing, but it illustrates the dense ignorance prevailing about the whole matter.

The insurance men have greatly the advantage. They are here by the score and they have been coached and have their data well in hand. The protestants as a rule have only a general grievance to voice and their statements lack in weight and force, because of lack of specified data.

Many Cities Represented.—Among the cities represented here by delegations protesting against the increased rates are Austin, Orange, Waco, Wichita Falls, Galveston, Elgin, Taylor, Paris, Greenville, Burnet, Houston and Fort Worth.

One of the best talks was made by a representative of Mottet Brothers, of Galveston, with stores in many different cities, who showed that the new rate meant an increase of some \$17,000 per annum to that one firm. He announced his determination to fight the case through the courts unless the board grants relief.

The drift of the talk at the hearing was desultory and inconclusive, lacking in definiteness and suggesting, away out except a general and thorough revision of the basis scheduled and the abolition of the arbitrary rates, such as the key rate, basis rate, block charge, the excessive occupancy charges, excessive exposure charges, and so on, the general opinion being that the final rates average too high after the published schedules are strictly applied.

It is believed that in some cities the charges have not been as rigidly applied as in El Paso.

Trick of Insurance Men.—When the hearing began, it was agreed that the protestants should present their side first, to be followed by the companies, but several men who represented themselves as delegates from protesting cities gained the floor in the time of the protestants only to reveal the fact that they were really insurance agents or citizens friendly to the insurance companies' side, who launched forth into a defense of the companies' action. In several cases

their own townspeople exposed the game. The protestants have presented a petition to the board embodying drastic resolutions calling for the abolishing of the basis schedule and specific rates piece by piece and then altogether to be sure to get it all and asking for a return to the old rates, pending a thorough revision of the law and filling by the companies of satisfactory and reasonable rates.

No Decision Soon.
The board is not likely to announce

its decision at once. The whole situation is badly mixed up and lawyers are confused as to the rights of the board to suspend collection of the new rates or abolish the schedules.

There is every evidence that excessive haste in preparation is responsible for many of the mistakes made and the companies are not at all uneasy about the probable outcome.

The special session is almost sure to repeal the law unless relief is granted by the board.

NO CHANCE FOR RELIEF APPARENT

(By Ford Ridley.)

Austin, Tex., June 22.—The El Paso delegation to the hearing of the fire insurance rates, has blood in its eye—and so have some of the other delegations that are here in regard to the enormous, exorbitant and almost prohibitive increase in the fire rates all over the state. The complainants are taking the stand that the insurance companies passed the present law for their own benefit while trying to run it through under the guise that it was best for the "little fellow," and senator Hudspeth, of El Paso, has challenged them to show him a single instance where it has benefited the "little fellow." He said that while it may have reduced one man's insurance \$10, it has increased another's \$30. This seems to be the universal opinion of the complainants from various parts of the state.

The insurance men are here in large numbers, there are in fact considerably more insurance company men present than there are complainants, and it seems that the companies have some two or three agents in the guise of complainants who are really working slyly and perniciouly in the interests of the companies. By insinuation and guarded phrases they pretend to be protesting and at the next moment try to slip in a phrase in favor of the law. They are promptly met, though, by the aggressive men of El Paso and other cities who are here protesting against the whole law, key rate, the occupancy clause, the exposure clause, and the special, "the red rider" clause,

which enables the companies to exort, under the law, almost any amount they may see fit to ask for or need. It is the consensus of opinion among the men who are here complaining that the board will give them some relief. My opinion from careful observation of the court and its attitude is: Mr. Hawkins seems to occupy the position of a lawyer cross examining witness for the defense rather than of an important judge, and I will make bold to say right here that the board will not suspend the present law; that they will not abolish any of the clauses and that the best that they will do is to have insurance reduced in specific cases or to reduce the key rates in some instances, that is if they see fit so to do. The complainants say that the board does not seem to be with them and are not satisfied with the stand that the board takes in making them bear the burden of proof. This should not be so—the insurance companies should show without the shadow of a doubt that the rates are just and fair and the lowest that they can afford to carry the business for and make a fair margin of profit.

The complainants are only asking for what is fair and just; they feel that they are being made to bear a burden in endeavoring to prove their claims. No company writes insurance at a loss, and it is certain that if they accepted business before the new law came into effect for 40 percent of what they now

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CONGRESS IS DEMOCRATS OF KITCHED ON ONION NAME

Whether to Exempt Union Label From Anti-Trust Law is Question at Issue.

IRRIGATION BONDS PASS THE HOUSE

Washington, D. C., June 22.—Congress is facing the question of whether the union label will be exempt from prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust bill. The conferees on the sundry civil bill have the question under consideration today. The house by a decisive vote insisted upon an exemption which is sharply opposed by the senate.

Irrigation Bonds.—By a vote of 255 to 29 the house at 10:10 last night passed the bill providing for the issue of certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$20,000,000 to provide a fund for the completion of the reclamation projects already begun. The measure goes to the senate, where its passage is assured, the senate already having passed a bill providing for an issue of \$20,000,000 in bonds.

Public Lands Measure.—By a vote of 101 to 71 the house agreed to the senate substitute for the house public lands withdrawals bill. This action was taken at the conclusion of an hour's debate upon the senate substitute bill.

Park Bill Passes.—After considering the omnibus public buildings bill an hour and 20 minutes today, the senate passed the measure. As reported from the committee it carried \$25,588,500, an increase of more than \$4,000,000 over the totals as passed by the house. The measure contains authorizations from every state.

C. E. Mills, superintendent of the Detroit Copper company, of Morenci, Ariz., was in El Paso Wednesday, en route to New York City.

Vote Down Matter Favored By Bryan and Take a Shot at Ballinger and Tariff.

CONSERVATION IS ENDORSED

Dayton, O., June 22.—The Ohio Democratic state convention today renominated Judson Harmon for governor by acclamation, passed a resolution endorsing him as candidate for president in 1912 and voted down a proposition to endorse a candidate for United States senator. The latter was endorsed by William J. Bryan, and the Cleveland delegation fought ardently in favor of it, but Harmon opposed it and the convention, which was strongly a Harmon gathering, as evidenced by the honors heaped upon him, voted against the Bryan idea.

The convention adopted a platform which calls attention to the prosecution of "grafters" by the present governor for the return to the state of thousands "secured by fraud and wrongdoing."

It declares that the governor has been handicapped by the opposition of a hostile legislature and Republican state officials.

The platform favors safeguarding of franchises as well as the regulation of all public utilities. It favors the ratification of the income tax amendment to the federal constitution and demands the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

It favors legislation limiting the hours of women workers, demands a revision of "the present unjust and oppressive tariff, reducing the rates so as the lower prices will be imposed on the consumers; the need for revenue for the economical conduct of the government must be the guiding principle instead of demands of the favored interests," say the platform.

It expresses belief in the conservation of natural resources and denounces the administration, especially secretary Ballinger, "for dismissing from the public service tried and true officers whose only aim was the preservation to the people of such resources."

MANY HURT WHEN CAR JUMPS TRACK

New York, June 22.—At least four persons were fatally injured and a dozen others seriously hurt today when two crowded cars on the scenic railway on the Bowery at Coney Island jumped the track and dropped 90 feet to the ground. Six were pinned fast beneath the wreckage.

Ten of the occupants of the other car were hurled from their seats and went crashing down among the scenery, falling to the ground where they lay unconscious.

HOUNDING THE VERA CRUZ BANDITS

Mexican Troops After Marauders in State of Veracruz—Battles Reported.

AMERICAN KILLED WAS PROMINENT

Veracruz, Mexico, June 22.—News reached here today that during the last few days the state rurales have been engaged in the pursuit of Santanon and his bandits in the region of San Juan Evangelista, state of Veracruz, and several battles have occurred. The bandits are said to be surrounded in a mountain and the news of their capture or extermination is expected.

Last Saturday the robbers made a raid on a hacienda in this state. The bandits were received with a lively fire from the roofs of buildings and were compelled to retreat. Rurales at once took up the trail of the marauders.

NORMAN LAWLER IS PROMINENTLY CONNECTED

Manager of Mexican Plantation, Killed by Bandits, Has Brother in the Interior Department.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 22.—Relatives of Norman Lawler in this city are still fearful that he was killed recently by bandits in Mexico, and are hoping for word from him personally that will set at naught the conflicting telegrams received here.

Two telegrams came yesterday from Oscar Lawler, assistant attorney general in the interior department at Washington, the first stating that he had received the report of his brother's death and the second declaring it untrue.

Norman Lawler has been manager of a plantation in the state of Veracruz. No word has come from him since relatives first received a report that he had been murdered.

WOMEN, MEN AND BOYS IN A FEUD

All Are Mixed Up in Bloody Tragedy in Kentucky; Several Arrested.

Jackson, Ky., June 22.—The examining trial in the Spieker-Fugate case has been set for Thursday. Members of the rival families are here and a critical situation is expected when the case is called.

Dema Johnson, who disappeared after Monday's affray at Jett's creek, in which John Fugate was killed and his mother wounded, was arrested today charged with complicity in the shooting.

With her was captured Asbury Spicer's 13-year-old son, alleged to have assisted his father in the fight with the Fugate family.

The Johnson woman is a sister of Elisha Johnson, who is in jail on a charge of murdering Miles Crawford last week.

STRIKE BREAKERS UNDER ARREST

Eight Mexicans From San-derson Held by Immigration Officers.

Eight Mexicans, sent to El Paso from San-derson, were given a hearing Wednesday at immigration service headquarters on the charge of having been illegally brought into the United States. The men were sent from San-derson, where they had been employed to replace the striking sectionmen on the G. H., on the order of R. W. Smith, an immigration officer from Del Rio, who investigated conditions there. It was alleged at San-derson that the men had been imported from Mexico to work on the road. At the hearing Wednesday, it developed that the men, who came from Mexico, secured employment through a local agency.

GRAFTERS WORK IGNORANT REDS

Are Making All Manner of Efforts to Get Indians' Money from Them.

Tahlequah, Okla., June 22.—After waiting 59 years, immigrant eastern Cherokee Indians who came from Alabama and Georgia, are today receiving money, the total of which, with accrued interest, amounts to over four millions. The first check issued was given to Mrs. Alice Wilson, of Tahlequah, for \$110.

Six thousand people are here, including many grafters. The Indians have to form in line before a window. Numbers are issued in advance to avoid confusion. Grafters have been caught selling bogus numbers.

The sheriff has 25 special deputies working.

TWO TEXAS BOYS BURN TO DEATH.

Iredell, Texas, June 22.—Playing with matches resulted in the death of two sons of J. O. Taylor, 2 and 4 years of age, who here late yesterday. The boys were starting a fire when their clothes became ignited.

Head Of Mexican Rurales After Sonora Troublemakers



Lieut. Col. Emilio Kosterlitzky

KOSTERLITZKY AT NACO; TORRES AND TROOPS AT CANANEA

Naco, Ariz., June 22.—A special train carrying Col. Emilio Kosterlitzky and his troop of 50 rurales together with two carloads of horses, arrived in Naco at 4:20 this morning in response to urgent requests from the collector of customs, Luis H. Del Rio.

Col. Kosterlitzky will proceed to guard the border in the effort to prevent the further smuggling of arms and ammunition across the border. It is expected that his first effort will be directed against the party now in the San Jose mountains, who have four burros loaded with ammunition, the value of which is estimated at \$1000 gold.

The value of the capture made at Villa Verde Saturday night is placed at \$400.

A case of rifles was taken from the E. P. & S. W. depot here by the consignees, Mexicans, valued at \$300. This makes a total of approximately \$1800 worth of arms and ammunition bought by the malecontents, and if the authorities are cognizant of one-half of the arms that have been smuggled, they have done remarkably well, which would indicate that a large sum has been devoted to arming the Mexicans in Cananea and Sonora.

Gen. Luis Torres, governor of Sonora, and 200 men arrived in Cananea at 11:45 this morning, having come by special train from Hermosillo. To a Herald correspondent the general said as he passed through here that his visit to Cananea at this time had no significance, as it was his habit to make Cananea his summer home, and that he knew of no disturbance at this time.

ROOSEVELT TALKS ABOUT MANY THINGS

Pleased at Statehood and the New Railroad Rate Regulation Measure.

New York, June 22.—With an address more like a personal chat than a political discussion, Theodore Roosevelt met a delegation of the Hamilton club and was entertained here today. He expressed pleasure at the attitude of the administration on the railroad bill compelling railroads to secure the approval of the interstate commerce commission before raising its rates.

He declared he approved statehood for Arizona and New Mexico, and expressed regret over the state capital situation in Oklahoma. He opposed direct primaries under present conditions, but said they might be a possibility in the future. He said he is pursuing a policy of trying to assist in solving the problems of the social, economic and political life.

He announced that he expected to confer with commercial and political leaders from all sections of the country.

THIS MOTHER IS HANDY WITH GUN

Gets the Drop on Youngster Who Would Kidnap Daughter and Holds Him.

San Antonio, Tex., June 22.—After threatening to kill the girl unless she married him, for which he has been indicted, William Stapper went to the home of Sophie Lirak late last night and endeavored to force her at a revolver's point to leave with him. The mother suspected his arrival and put an end to the man's plan. She secured a drop on him and held him at bay until the police arrived. The grand jury is investigating.

YOUTHS HELD AT AMARILLO ON WACO AUTO THEFT

Waco, Texas, June 22.—Sheriff Tilley was informed by telephone this morning that two youths are under arrest at Amarillo on the charge of stealing a \$5000 automobile from Nelson Smith of Waco last week. A clew was found at Snyder and the car was followed to Amarillo by officers.

GOVERNOR OF SONORA IS THERE

No Real Trouble Expected By Officials, Though Precautions Are Taken.

TROOPS ARE SENT DOWN TO MANZANILLO

Leaders of Uprising in Yucatan Are Captured—Mexican Elections Sunday.

Cananea, Son., Mex., June 22.—One hundred and twenty additional troops arrived here Tuesday and Gen. Luis Torres, governor of Sonora, in command of 200 more, arrived this morning. These will be quartered at the barracks. There is every precaution being taken to meet trouble if any occurs, but it is not expected by the officials. However, they deem it best to have the troops here to give the residents some assurance of protection should anything occur.

There have been no wholesale arrests—although a number have been made nor will it be necessary to do so, it is firmly believed, as when the so-called revolutionists see that the government is prepared for them the officials think they will abandon all talk of trouble.

Most of the Americans here do not anticipate any trouble. It is a regular occurrence for trouble to be expected or at least talked of about three or four times a year, but nothing serious has happened here since 1906. Precautions have been taken for protecting the Americans, however, since the capture of arms and ammunition and the recent arrests.

The Cananea stores quit selling arms and ammunition some time ago in order that the excitable ones could not secure weapons.

TROUBLE FEARED IN MANZANILLO.

Nogales, Ariz., June 22.—Word from Guaymas is that trouble has been dispatched to Manzanillo, on the lower Mexican coast, where trouble is smoldering.

YUCATAN LEADERS CAUGHT.—Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, June 22.—A detachment of the 10th battalion has captured Maximiliano Ramire and Roberto Osorio, leaders of the insurrection in the vicinity of Xeneha. Osorio is accused with having demanded of his wife, with pistol in hand, the funds in the safe, amounting to \$651. The men were taken to Valladolid for trial.

MEXICO MAKES LIGHT OF IT.

Washington, D. C., June 22.—The Mexican ambassador last night assured secretary Knox personally that the reports of serious revolutionary uprisings in northern Mexico were greatly exaggerated. He said that the disorders were only such as were incident to the average presidential election. The state department has given no fresh instructions for increasing the military control on this side of the border, although the United States marshals along the border have been ordered to increase their vigilance.

CONGRESS KEEPS HANDS OFF.

Washington, D. C., June 22.—No investigation into conditions along the Mexican border asked for a resolution by representative Wilson of Pennsylvania will be taken up at this session of congress.

The vote decided by the rules committee of the house.

The resolution was based upon charges that American officials, customs officers, forest rangers, secret service men and police officials were involved jointly with Mexican officials in trapping Mexican refugees and sending them back into the hands of the Mexican government. Representatives of some of the refugees appeared before the committee.

Some of the Republican members were in doubt as to just what should be investigated.

THE ELECTION.

Mexico City, Mexico, June 22.—Federal elections will be held next Sunday for president, vice president, members of the supreme court, senators and deputies. The central reelectionist club has issued circulars indicating that the committee should do in furthering the candidacy of Gen. Porfirio Diaz and Ramon Corral.

The presidential candidate of the anti-re-electionists, Francisco I. Madero, who has been in the custody of federal authorities at Monterey on a charge of offering insults to the nation and of maligning president Diaz, was taken to San Luis Potosi last night where he will be tried for a similar offense.

Madero was arrested at Monterey June 6 and since then he has been confined.

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FAIR IS CERTAIN

Practically all of the \$10,000 necessary to insure the second annual fair in El Paso has been subscribed and the directors are now waiting for a telegram from C. N. Bassett, who is in Oklahoma, before a meeting is called to elect officers, appoint a secretary and begin active operations for a fair this fall.

Mr. Bassett has been instrumental in raising a bonus of \$10,000 providing an equal amount is guaranteed by popular subscription among the business men. This has been done and the fact has been wired to Mr. Bassett. As soon as a message is received from him stating that the second \$10,000 is available, the directors will begin a whirlwind movement for the big fair this fall.

20 TRAVEL IN A DIRIGIBLE; MEALS SERVED ON BOARD

Dusseldorf, Germany, June 22.—The first regular airship passenger service was inaugurated today when Count Zeppelin's great craft, the Deutschland, carrying 20 passengers, successfully made its first scheduled trip from Friedrichshafen to this city, 300 miles, in nine hours.

The weather was perfect and the motors worked faultlessly. Count Zeppelin steered for the greater part of the distance. Regular trips will be made and many tickets have been sold. The airship is equipped with a restaurant and the passengers had their meals on board.